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Note: The Advance Sungari Headquarters of the Peace Preservation Corps for the Northeast China Command is at Changchun. It is also referred to as the Advance Sub-Headquarters of the Northeast China Command at Changchun. The Commander is Lt. Gen. CHU An-shih, and his G-2 is Major MAO Pei-chieh. This organization is supposed to have control of all Nationalist irregular forces in the Communist areas. However, CHANG Hsueh-ming has been appointed to command the irregulars. It is not known how this appointment will affect the work of the above organization. The problem of controlling the irregular troops is further confused because General MA Chan-shan claims that many of these troops are loyal to him. See [redacted] for information on MA's troops.)

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1. The Sungchiang Area Headquarters of the Underground Army of the Northeast was established by CHAO Hsing-wu 曹興武 during the Japanese occupation. (Shanghai Note: The character given reads TS'AO, but all previous reports consistently refer to him as CHAO.) He is a Kuomintang member, and was appointed by HO Ying-chun, then Commanding General of the Chinese Armies. (Shanghai Note: Date of appointment not given.) CHAO was named Commanding General of the Underground Army, and was responsible for all secret organizations in Manchuria. These secret organizations were known as the Kuomintang Revolutionist Society.
2. CHAO led 6000 troops, which had formerly served under MA Chan-shan, in over 200 battles against the Japanese, but on 2 October 1937 their ammunition ran out and they were annihilated by Japanese land and air forces west of Pai Chun hsien. (Paichuan (126-17, 47-33)?) Only the commander, CHAO Hsing-wu remained alive (??). CHAO was captured by the Japanese at Peian (probably 126-17, 46-28), interrogated and tortured for ninety days, and then released. (Changchun Note: On 13 September the Advance Sub-Headquarters of the Northeast China Command reported orally that CHAO had been captured by the Communists. He is now believed to be in Chiamussu. General CHU, identified below, is in charge at present.)
3. After August 1945, the above Underground Army started to operate overtly. Later, a demobilization program was set up under the direction of CHEN Hsin-min 陳新民, a Kuomintang member. About 1,000,000 military and political members were demobilized. (Shanghai Note: This figure seems improbably high.)
4. When the Soviet Army first entered Manchuria, the Nationalist Government ordered CHAO and CHEN to cooperate with them. However, the looting and destruction carried on by the Soviets caused CHAO's troops to hate them. On 20 April 1946, CHAO was appointed by the Northeast Peace Preservation Headquarters (NEPC) as Peace Preservation Officer for the Sung P'ai 松北 area. CHU An-shih 褚安石, another

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Communist member, was appointed second in command. CHAC ordered his troops to occupy Harbin, but they were stopped and attacked by the Soviets. Li Chao-lin, /and Chinese Communist "Kuo's Tro" under Li Chao-lin/ was connected with these Soviet troops. The Underground Army was defeated, but later some of its members assassinated Li Chao-lin. (Shanghai Note: A Communist newspaper claimed that Li's assassins had been caught, and according to this report, they confessed that they were agents of the Bureau of Investigation and Statistics.)

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5. When the Soviets withdrew, only 8000 Nationalist troops could enter Harbin because the Communist had made careful arrangements. Twelve of CHAC's staff officers went to the Communist North Harbin District Headquarters to negotiate with the Communists. These officers were detained, and forced to order their troops to surrender. The Nationalist forces made a strategic withdrawal from Harbin itself, and scattered into the outskirts of the city. At the time of this withdrawal, the troops numbered 15,000.
6. After the Nationalists recaptured Changchun. In May 1946, General CHU and more than 100 of his men went there and requested that the Northeast China Command allow them to set up an office in Changchun, so that they might reorganize their troops. They offered to work for the Nationalists behind enemy lines.
7. The Commanders are as follows:

Commanding Officer: CHAO Hsing-wu

Deputy Commander: CHU An-shih

Commander, 1st Unit: CHU An-shih

Commander, 2nd Unit: PAI Chiu-tai

Commander, 3rd Unit: WEN Kuang-li

Commander, 4th Unit: HSIEN Wen-tung

Each unit has fifteen sub-units, and each sub-unit has 6000 men. This makes the unit total 90,000 men. (Shanghai Note: See paragraph 8, where the 16, 17, 20, and 25 sub-units of the first unit are listed.)

8. The strength and activities of this organization are shown on the following chart:

TYPES OF WEAPONS

Unit	Commander	NO. OF MEN	ACTIVE AREA	RIFLES	NO. OF WEAPONS					
					PIS- TOL	MM. GUN	HEAV. GUN	IT- ZER	F. GUN	MO. HOR
1st Sub-Unit										
1st Unit	Wang Chih-chung (王執中)	5,000	Wuch'ang (127-09, 44-55)	5,000	357	20	12	2	1	1,1
2nd Sub-Unit										
2nd Unit	Liang Tzu-ch'ien (梁子堅)	3,000	Pinhshien (127-30, 45-45)	3,000	174	17	9	1	1	2
3rd Sub-Unit										
3rd Unit	Chin Yao-tung (靳耀東)	2,200	Shuangch'ang (126-13, 45-23)	2,200	120	14	3	1		2
4th Sub-Unit										
4th Unit	Liu Chih-fei (劉和飛)	2,000	Ch'ench'ang (陳城) Chaotung (125-32, 45-55)	2,000	150	15	9	1		1

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UNIT NUMBER	COMMANDER	NO. OF MEN	ACTIVE AREA	RIFLE	PI- TOL.	L. GUN	P.M. GUN	HQ- IT- ZER	F. GUN	HORSE
9th Sub-Unit, 1st Unit	Yu Tzu-sheng (于子生)	5,000	Chubai-shan-shou (珠澳延壽)	5,000	430	21	14	2	1	1,400
10th Sub-Unit, 1st Unit	Ch'ang Ying-hua (常英華)	3,200	--	3,200	110	1	12	1	1	1,160
11th Sub-Unit, 1st Unit	Lu Hsi-kuang (陸旭光)	2,000	Luoh'ang	2,800	107	24	6	1	1	524
12th Sub-Unit, 1st Unit	Tung Hsin-san (董新三)	5,000	Henehiang (125-13,49-11)	5,000	248	24	16	1	1	949
13th Sub-Unit, 1st Unit	Li Fu-ch'ien (李輔臣)	3,000	Luoh'ang	3,000	142	14	9	2		720
14th Sub-Unit, 1st Unit	Pe Tzu-fu (柏子馥)	2,500	Chubai-shan-shou (珠澳備道)	2,500	164	13	11	2	1	520
16th Sub-Unit, 1st Unit	Hsu Wei (徐偉)	3,400	Mo Chiang (Shanghai Note : Area ?) Pao Ch'ing (132-17,46-39)	3,400	240	13	8	3	1	564
17th Sub-Unit, 1st Unit	Li Yun Fang (李云芳)	3,000	Chaochou (125-03,45-29)	3,000	140	13	10	1		490
20th Sub-Unit, 1st Unit	Chang Hsi-lin (張璽麟)	1,900	Anlien (安連)	1,900	85	12	4	1		240
26th Sub-Unit, 1st Unit	Hsiao Tzu-yu (許子玉)	28,000	Wangch'ing ? * (129-36,43-16)	28,000	3,800	137	90	13	7	841
1st Sub-Unit, 2nd Unit	Wang Ching-hsien (王敬軒)	3,000	Mutanchiang (129-37,44-35)	3,000	146	17	9	2		43
1st Sub-Unit, 4th Unit	Hsieh Wen-tung (謝文東)	5,000	Chismussu (130-21,46-49)	5,000	260	27	14	5	1	1,39
TOTAL		77,900	25X1A6a	77,900	6,683	414	241	44	16	11.98

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no explanation given.)

Recently Headquarters /Sungchiang Area Headquarters of the Under-ground Army? has lost contact with some of the troops because of Communist troops in the same area. For that reason, only those troops with whom Headquarters is in constant contact are listed in the above chart.)

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9. The Headquarters mentioned in paragraph 8 claims to have a 250 man intelligence net covering Harbin, Hei-ho (127-26, 40-16), Yu-tan-chiang (129-37, 44-35), Nen-chiang (126-12, 46-11), and Chia-mu-szu (130-21, 46-49). Communications with this net are entirely by courier because the agents do not have access to sufficient electric current to maintain radio contact.

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10. There are the following pro-Nationalist armed or regular forces in the Communist districts in Manchuria:

a. Pin-hsien (127-30, 45-45)	10,000
b. Yu-lan Mountains / Yu-lan (128-08, 45-50) /	15,000
c. A-chen (128-67, 45-33) and Harbin	8,000
d. San-chen (126-14, 46-39) and Thao-tung (125-32, 46-58) area	8,000
e. Taitaihar	10,000 - 12,000
f. Hoochung area (Hoochiang area, northeast Manchuria?)	15,000
g. Yu-tan-chiang (129-37, 44-35)	25,000

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11. The above troops are equipped with Japanese tanks and guns, and they also have three planes. This equipment was obtained from unguarded Japanese arsenals prior to the Soviet entry into Manchuria, and from puppet troops. 25X1X6
12. A year ago these troops totalled 300,000, but now it is estimated that they total only half that. Because of the scarcity of ammunition, many men have been killed or captured by the Communists. However, few have been converted to Communism because these troops violently hate the Soviets.

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13. The Communists are now attacking all irregular troops as frequently as possible. They plan to destroy the ability of these troops to serve as occupation forces when the Nationalists take over such areas as Harbin.

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14. YEN Ting-hsiu is the Nationalist-nominated Governor of the provinces of Peilungchiang, Nenchiang, Hoochiang, and Sungchiang. YEN states that 200,000 puppet and Nationalist volunteers have surrounded Harbin, Pei-an (Shanghai Nowe: probably the town at (126-22, 46-14) is meant, although a reference is made to the town at (126-17, 46-28)), Taitaihar, and Chia-mu-szu. They are awaiting orders from the regular Nationalist Armies for a major offensive, in which these irregular troops will serve as reinforcements for the regular troops. These irregular troops are not followers of MA Chan-shan.

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15. MA Chan-shan's forces may constitute a second underground army under the Nationalist Northeast China Command, but they are in disrepute at present because of reported bandit activity.

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16. In Manchuria at present, there are two underground armies which have Nationalist approval and are cooperating with the Nationalists. Both are being promoted by TU Yu-ming to further his personal ambitions. The first group consists of followers of the Young Marshal. The second group is known as the "Tan Tan". Neither group is considered to be important militarily, but they are used as espionage and intelligence units. General TU has control over the second group but

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not over the first, exercising his control on the former through the Bureau of Investigation and Statistics. It is stated that General WAN Fu-lin is the Bureau of Investigation and Statistics counterpart for the Young Marshal group (F-0).

Note: Meaning that he is the head of the "Ten Tan" ?)

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17. The Northeast Volunteer Army (See [redacted] which the unsundered Japanese are to join if they reach Changchun, has no men actually in Communist territory yet. It was established on the arrival of the New 1 Army in Changchun and is composed of remnants of the puppet armies and other local troops. The commander is LIU Chih, Member of the Military Affairs Commission, who is directly under the command of TU Yu-ming. [redacted] Note: It is believed that there was a Lt. General LIU in Changchun with as much authority as General SUN, the Commander of the New 1 Army.) [redacted] Note: It was reported that SUN was given full command in the Changchun area. It was also reported that General LIU Pai-chung, G-3 of the Northeast China Command, was appointed Commander of the Kirin Province Peace Preservation Corps. It is not known whether LIU Chih is an alternate name of LIU Pai-chung's.) It is believed that the Volunteer Army and other underground organizations which might be established are primarily important as intelligence units.

18. No underground, guerrilla, war lord, or "peoples" armies are known operating for the Nationalists or projected by them in the Communist areas, with one exception; the HSIEN Wen-tang Army, a guerrilla group led by an old Manchurian war lord by that name. The headquarters of this group is at Wu-chang (127-09, 44-56). This unit is composed mainly of bandit cavalry. HSIEN maintains contact with the Nationalists through NECC staff liaison officers. HSIEN is opportunistic and would fight for the Communists if they offered him a better price.

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